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Turkey Under Glass at The Domes

Family-Friendly Festival Celebrates Turkish Culture

Milwaukee, WI (Feb. 5, 2015) – “Turkey Under Glass,” a family-friendly celebration of Turkish culture, will be presented Saturday, Feb. 21, from 9 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Mitchell Park Domes. The Domes, “Milwaukee’s Living Landmark,” is located at 524 S. Layton Blvd.

Traditional folk music, dance, food, exhibits, and a bazaar will come together in this celebration offering a glimpse into the wide array of customs in this southeastern European country.

“Turkish, Romanian, and Oriental dance groups will perform in colorful costumes throughout the day,” said Curt Winterfeldt, organizer of Turkey Under Glass. “To give our audience the full flavor of ethnic folk dance, we’re inviting them to participate in some simple dances after the performances. This will be a fun day for families.”

Visitors will even have the opportunity to participate in belly-dance workshops during the event.

Dances and costumes from the regions of Eastern and Central Europe and from the Black Sea areas of Turkey will be explained. According to Winterfeldt, Turkey has over 2,000 different folk dances. In addition to the live performances, videos of folk dances will be shown in the Education Center.

Authentic, savory and sweet Turkish foods will be available for purchase. Turkish kebab, hummus, dolma (stuffed grape leaves), baklava, sutlach (rice pudding), and Turkish cookies are among the culinary delights. Turkish coffee will be the beverages of choice. In addition to Turkish foods, hot dogs, chips, and lemonade will be available.

To complement the event, the Bazaar will offer a marketplace of items for purchase. The selection includes coin necklaces, jewelry, Pashmina scarves, and Turkish ponchos.

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“Turkey Under Glass” is staged and coordinated by the Turam Turkish Folk Dance Group, the Romanian Folk Dancers, Pat Kellar’s Oriental Dancers, the Chicago Math & Science Academy Turkish Dance Group, and the Elegant Gypsies.

During the festival, visitors may view the most popular show of the year—the garden train show. This year’s theme is “2015: A Space Odyssey.” The show weaves together a futuristic alien landscape with the age of steam trains. Space houses (think “The Jetsons,” the cartoon of the 1960s) and flying saucers will be interspersed throughout the alien landscape created by thousands of small and miniature plants, while G-scale trains traverse 600 feet of track.

“Turkey Under Glass” is included in regular admission. Admission for adults age 18 and over is \$7; Milwaukee County Seniors with ID, persons with disabilities, students of any age with ID, and youth age 6-17 are \$5. Children 5 and under are admitted for free.

For more information, call The Mitchell Park Domes at (414) 257-5600.

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